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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

## **EXAMINER:**

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

## In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-16 and 32, without prejudice, amend claim 17, and add new claims 34-41, as provided below in the associated claim listing on separate sheets: